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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1909.

The Farmers' Union is now advocating the establishment of postal savings banks and will send a committee to Washington to push the project. Senator Aldrich urged its postponement until after his Monetary Commission makes its final report a year hence, the suggestion being that this report will include the establishment of postal savings banks, but with their deposits dumped into his proposed central bank. Banking interests are classed as opposed to the postal savings bank system. The main arguments in use by the advocates of postal banks are stated as follows in Chicago advices:

Need exists for a postal banking system as an aid to the thrift of rural districts. The Bankers' Encyclopedia gives the names of 22,000 villages, towns and cities where no banks exist. The recent report of the controller of the currency showed that 34 countries have postal banking systems in operation with a total number of depositors of over 40,000,000, with deposits totaling about \$2,000,000,000. His report added that the average deposit has decreased from \$56.41 to \$49.33, a fact significant of the utility of the system as a "nursery for seedling savers," for which purpose President Taft in his recent message especially commended the system to Congress for adoption in the United States.

It is not probable that the project can pass Congress, with both Senator Aldrich and Speaker Cannon hostile to it. The Aldrich-Cannon combine has heretofore proved itself "in the saddle."

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TAFT HOTEL TO BE 11 STORIES

New Haven, Dec. 21.—Ex-Senator Frank S. Butterworth states that the new Taft hotel on the site of the New Haven house is an assured thing. But the whole idea of the new hotel company will be to put up a structure that shall comport with the strictest idea of a "city beautiful," as far as may be with a building of modern design that is contemplated. Mr. Butterworth says that the new building will go down Chapel street from the corner of College street 110 feet, and will extend back on College street 235 feet. This latter move will include three houses in the rear of the New Haven house.

The building will be of eleven stories. The general effect will be colonial, and the lower stories will be especially elegant in this end. The general construction will be of steel, with brick and reinforced concrete. A small amount of stone may be used.

Mr. Butterworth says, has the reputation of being one of the most successful planners for hotel buildings in this country. The cost of the structure will be over a million.

Trainmen Ask Advance of New Haven Road
New Haven, Dec. 21.—Officials of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and Conductors have served notice on the New Haven Railroad of a demand for an increase of wages and stated that the Grievance Committee had a long list of complaints they wished righted. It is expected that a series of conferences will begin about Feb. 1.

Officials of the company lay stress on the fact that there was no reduction of wages for either conductors or trainmen, when nearly all wages were decreased during the depression two years ago. The company will resist a wage increase, but admits that several minor grievances need adjustment.

Prof. Fisher of Yale Dies in Litchfield
Professor George Park Fisher, D. D., L. L. D., emeritus professor of the Connecticut history in Yale university died in Litchfield, Conn., yesterday afternoon after a brief illness.

Professor Fisher was born in Wrentham, Mass., on August 10, 1837, the son of Lewis Whitney Fisher, Esq., a graduate of Brown university in 1816, and a lawyer by profession. The family of which Professor Fisher was a member had long been prominent in the Wrentham community.

MILLIONS OF FISH.
Records Made By One Boat During Menhaden Season.

Between 1880 and 1884 the farmers and fishermen along the Connecticut shore were convinced that the whelkfish or menhaden had disappeared from Long Island Sound and the New York fish ceased to be as plentiful, simply because they could not be obtained. Of late, however, the fish have returned to their old haunts, and, according to the "New London Day," one fishing steamer took almost as many last summer as a whole season's catch used to amount to.

BANKS FAVORING GREAT CENTRAL BANK

The "Banking Law Journal" which has been putting the question of a great central bank to the banks, has thus far received 5,613 replies, and finds that 69 1-3 per cent. favor the central bank, 33 2-3 oppose it, and 7 per cent. are undecided. Of the 33 replies from Connecticut, 75 per cent. favor and 25 per cent. oppose the project. The Journal quotes Melius H. Whaples, president of the Connecticut Trust & Safe Deposit Company of Hartford, as saying:

It is my opinion that if properly organized and safe-guarded, a central bank will become an efficient remedy for the periodical money panics and currency famines which are so characteristic of this country. The experience of all foreign nations of financial consequence is confirmatory of this statement. The only possible danger in a central banking institution as a financial power and instrument, would be that of political control and a constant change of methods and conditions made possible by acts of Congress. If this can be avoided, it is in my opinion the remedy for many of our dangerous financial conditions and happenings.

When the project first appeared, it was understood that the banks were, mostly, hostile to it. Now it appears—if the Journal's canvass is impartial and accurate—that a majority of them favor it. It is a very remarkable change. So far as appears, no modification of the project, as originally outlined, has yet been made.

The Monetary Commission, of which Senator Aldrich of tariff-revision-upward fame is chairman, has issued sundry articles and pamphlets, intended to educate the people upon the subject, and these may have served to convince the banks that the project is meritorious. Or it may be that they have received from Mr. Aldrich information as to the project's details which is withheld from the public.

The general public is likely to be distrustful of any plan emanating from Senator Aldrich. He is one of those legislators who are usually found acting for the "interests" all the time. Besides, the people may wisely distrust any project which may centralize monetary power at Washington. With the privilege of contracting or expanding the currency at will, the proposed central bank would hold the business interests of the whole country, as it were, in the hollow of its hand. In addition, the country's currency might easily become the football of politics. It is an exceedingly dangerous project.

VANDAL DESTROYS PARK STATUES

KNOCKS FINGERS OFF MARBLE APOLLO AND CRACKS AWAY PIECE OF HEBE'S NOSE.

Hartford, Dec. 21.—The police of this city are anxious to find the person who for the last ten days has been mutilating statues in Colt Park. That is the garden spot of Hartford, and until the vandal began to do his worst its collection of statues was one of the boasts of Connecticut. There has been a sad change.

Apollo, for instance, has lost three fingers and a piece of one ear, and Hebe, opposite him, has been deprived of all the fingers of one hand and part of her nose. An urn carved in relief, which stands nearby, has been badly nicked and chipped, and a marble seat has deep grooves cut in it.

These things happened last week. A few days ago the vandals began to work over again on some sculptures of animals, and now amuses himself with depriving quadrupeds of their tails, horns and ears.

A figure of a wolf with whelps has come in for special defacement. The mother wolf has been rendered as tall as an Amazon cat and the whelps left with even shorter tails than their dam. Opposite the wolves a horned goat has been transformed into a "muley" and now wears an expression of imbecility.

The vandal has also diverted himself with throwing mud at the statues and writing rhymes on their pedestals.

TAFT ON SANTA CLAUS

Washington, Dec. 21.—When little Henry Gordon McMoran, the six-year-old grandson of Representative McMoran of Michigan, was introduced to President Taft during the Congressional calling hour at the White House yesterday, he blurted out to the Chief Executive that he had begun to doubt the authenticity of "all this Santa Claus business."

At the suggestion of his parents he had decided to leave the matter to President Taft for settlement. The President was taken aback for a minute, but, looking down at the little fellow and patting him on the head, said:

"Well, young man, if you write a letter to Santa Claus and on Christmas morning find he has brought you all that you asked for, isn't that enough to show that he not only exists but is a mighty fine little fellow?"

The boy, finally admitting that such a result certainly would be a point in favor of Santa Claus and agreed to reserve judgment until Christmas morning. In the meantime he is going to be very busy with letter writing.

Su'd by Girl and Held for Murder Intent

Shelton, Dec. 21.—Charged with assault with intent to murder Dominic Carotenuto, who, on December 10, cut Lizzie Cutarelli on the face and neck because he claimed that she refused to keep her promise of marriage, was bound over to the superior court today by Judge Nichols under \$2,000 bonds. On being brought over the prisoner was served with papers in a suit for \$3,000 damages, brought by the girl he attacked. He was unable to secure bonds and was taken to jail.

Josiah M. Hubbard Dies in Middletown

Middletown, Dec. 21.—Josiah M. Hubbard, for many years a farmer, died at his home here yesterday. Mr. Hubbard was born here, but went to Kansas, where he fought with the Kansas Free Soldiers, and at the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted in a Kansas cavalry regiment.

At the close of the war he was elected a member of the Kansas legislature and on his return to this state was elected to the general assembly in 1887. He was a member at the time of his death of the state board of mediation and arbitration. He was 77 years old and leaves a son.

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The high price of butter has caused oleomargarine to be an increasingly popular commodity, and many dealers who do not ordinarily carry it in stock now keep it to supply the demand. The regulations concerning the sale of oleomargarine are very stringent. These regulations have been published in a bulletin issued by Dairy Commissioner H. F. Potter and are as follows:—

No one may sell oleomargarine colored in imitation of yellow butter. All uncolored oleomargarine must be sold under the following conditions:—All dealers must within fifteen days after commencing business, and annually thereafter on the first day of May, or within fifteen days thereafter, register with the dairy commissioner, giving name and place of business. Blank certificates will be sent on request which can be filled out and returned by mail.

If oleomargarine is sold from a store, a sign "Oleomargarine Sold Here," with letters two inches wide and four inches high must be placed near the main entrance. If sold from a vehicle, such vehicle shall conspicuously bear upon its outside on both sides of such vehicle such a sign.

If delivered from a vehicle, such vehicle shall conspicuously bear upon its outside on both sides of said vehicle a sign "Oleomargarine Sold Here," in letters not less than two inches wide and four inches long. A small sign "Oleomargarine," with letters one inch wide and two inches high must be placed over the inclosing package containing the oleomargarine. These signs will be furnished at cost by the state, through this department. The large signs cost 50 cents, the small ones 30 cents.

All purchasers of oleomargarine must be orally informed by the oleomargarine dealer, that it is oleomargarine. All hotels, restaurants and boarding houses where oleomargarine is used must display a sign Oleomargarine Used Here, in plain sight of guests. All bakers who use oleomargarine must display similar signs in a conspicuous place in their sales room and wagons. If sold from a wagon, all substitutes for butter or lard, such as korno, waste, baker's scrap, etc., which have been manufactured and sold under the oleomargarine laws, must, if used by bakers, be classed as oleomargarine, if it has been stamped as oleomargarine by the internal revenue department.

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FELL DEAD HURRYING FOR TRAIN

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—While hurrying to catch a train for this city, from his home at Lansdowne, near here, yesterday, J. N. Wallen, vice consul of Norway, dropped dead.

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